

House File 503 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 168)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act excluding certain show animals from formulas used to
2 calculate the capacity of animal feeding operations.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 459.201, Code 2015, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. A show animal entered in a program
4 or project sponsored by 4-H or the national FFA organization
5 or one of its chapters, including but not limited to an
6 exhibition, contest, or fair event, shall not be included in
7 calculating animal weight capacity, animal units, or animal
8 unit capacity.

9 Sec. 2. Section 459.301, Code 2015, is amended by adding the
10 following new subsection:

11 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. A show animal described in section
12 459.201 shall not be included in calculating animal weight
13 capacity, animal units, or animal unit capacity.

14 Sec. 3. Section 459A.103, Code 2015, is amended by adding
15 the following new subsection:

16 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. A show animal described in section
17 459.201 shall not be included in calculating animal units or
18 animal unit capacity.

19 Sec. 4. Section 459B.103, Code 2015, is amended by adding
20 the following new subsection:

21 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. A show animal described in section
22 459.201 shall not be included in calculating animal units or
23 animal unit capacity.

24 EXPLANATION

25 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
26 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

27 GENERAL. This bill provides that certain show animals are
28 not to be counted when computing the animal capacity of an
29 animal feeding operation regulated by the department of natural
30 resources. In order to not to be counted, the animal must
31 be entered in a program or project sponsored by 4-H or the
32 national FFA organization or one of its chapters, such as an
33 exhibition, contest, or fair event.

34 BACKGROUND. The applicability and scope of regulation often
35 depends upon the size of an animal feeding operation which

1 is either measured by animal weight capacity or animal unit
2 capacity. An animal feeding operation is an area in which
3 animals (cattle, swine, horses, sheep, chickens, turkeys, or
4 fish) are maintained for at least 45 days. Animal weight
5 capacity is the average weight of all animals in a confinement
6 feeding operation when the operation is at full animal
7 capacity. Animal unit capacity is determined by multiplying
8 the maximum number of each category of animal species that may
9 be confined at one time by an equivalency factor assigned to
10 that category and then adding those sums together.